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Attorney Docket No. 22379-707

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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	Hadi Partovi et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2768
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Applic	eation No.: 09/513,236)	Examiner: Unknown
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Filed:	February 24, 2000)	
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For:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)	
	CONTENT PERSONALIZATION)	
	OVER A TELEPHONE INTERFACE)	
	WITH ADAPTIVE)	
	PERSONALIZATION)	

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

Commissioner for Patents **Box DAC** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to allow filing of the above-identified application without the oath or declaration of joint inventor **Zhe Li**, who cannot be reached for signature. This petition is accompanied by (1) an oath and declaration executed by joint inventors Hadi Partovi, Roderick S. Brathwaite, Angus M. Davis, Michael S. McCue, Brandon W. Porter, John Giannandrea, Eckart Walther and Anthony Accardi, each on his own behalf, and on behalf of non-signing inventor Zhe Li pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 and MPEP 409.03(a); (2) a Statement of Facts in Support of Filing on Behalf of Nonsigning Inventor recited herein; (3) an affidavit with exhibits in support of the present petition by Erik Oliver, Attorney for Applicants, constituting Proof of Unavailability or Refusal (MPEP 409.03(d)); (4) a

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statement of Last Known Address (MPEP 409.03(e)) recited herein; (5) a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated April 20, 2000, including all required documents and applicable filing fees; and (6) the petition fee of \$130.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i).

STATEMENT OF FACTS & DECLARATION

On or about December 17, 1999 Zhe Li, a joint inventor of the above-identified patent application, left the United States to pursue other interests. Since Mr. Li's departure preceded completion of the present application and subsequent filing thereof, it was not possible to prepare an oath or declaration for his signature prior to his departure. The present application was filed on February 24, 2000 without executed formal documents. Applicants received a Notice to File Missing Parts dated April 20, 2000. In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.63, an oath and declaration was prepared for signature by all the joint inventors in the above-identified patent application, and forwarded to the inventors for execution on March 21, 2000. However, joint inventor Zhe Li has been unavailable to execute the oath and declaration and thereby complete the requirements for filing a utility patent application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.53 and 1.63. Attorney for Applicants made a diligent effort to reach Mr. Li and obtain his signature on an oath and declaration, as attested to by the facts recited briefly herein, and enumerated in detail with supporting documentation in the attached affidavit of Erik Oliver.

An attempt to contact Zhe Li via an e-mail address provided by him was initially made on April 20, 2000 requesting contact for the purpose of executing formal documents for the present application. A second attempt was made to contact Mr. Li via e-mail on May 31, 2000 (copy of e-mail attached). No reply was received to either e-mail request. Also on May 31, 2000, a letter was sent via both Federal Express and Certified Return Receipt U.S. Mail to Mr. Li at his last known address (copy attached). Both letters were returned as undeliverable. In addition, Attorney for Applicants placed a telephone call on May 31, 2000 to the most current phone number provided by Mr. Li, and received a message that it was a non-working number. No communication of any kind has been received from Mr. Li in the interim.

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In view of the above-noted circumstances, Applicants submit this Petition on Behalf of a Non-Signing Inventor (37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)) in conjunction with a complete Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated April 20, 2000.

Applicants assert that a *bona fide* attempt was made to have Mr. Li execute a declaration and join as an applicant for patent in the above-identified invention. Such attempt proved fruitless. Applicants therefore request that the application be considered filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) and MPEP § 409.03. Applicants further request that the attached Declaration for Utility Patent Application executed by co-inventors Hadi Partovi, Roderick S. Brathwaite, Angus M. Davis, Michael S. McCue, Brandon W. Porter, John Giannandrea, Eckart Walther and Anthony Accardi, each on his own behalf, be considered as having been executed on behalf of Zhe Li as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.64, and in accordance with the provisions of MPEP § 409.03(a) subparagraph (A).

By signing below, I, the undersigned Attorney of Record hereby declare that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, having been warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent resulting therefrom.

Last Known Address

In accordance with MPEP §§ 409.03(e) and 605.03, the last known post office address of Zhe Li is as follows:

75 Poncetta Drive, #2, Daly City, California 94015 USA

No other post office address or residence for Mr. Li is known to Applicants or Attorneys for Applicants.

Favorable action on this petition is respectfully solicited.

Please charge the Petition fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 22379-707).

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required by this paper, including Petition Fees and extension of time fees, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 22379-707). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI

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24 February 2000

Method and Apparatus for Content Personalization over a Telephone

Interface with Adaptive

Personalization

Group No.: Examiner:

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In re application of:

Attorney Docket No .: Serial No.:

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24 February 2000

Method and Apparatus for Content Personalization over a Telephone Interface with Locale-Based Personalization

Group No.:

Examiner:

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In re application of:

Attorney Docket No.: Serial No.: Filed:

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Method and Apparatus for Content Personalization over a Telephone Interface with Time and Date **Based Personalization**

Group No.: Examiner:

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In re application of: Attorney Docket No.:

Serial No.: Filed: For:

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Method and Apparatus for Content Personalization over a Telephone Interface with Adaptive Voice Character

Group No.: Examiner:

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In re application of:

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Method and Apparatus for Content

Personalization over a Telephone Interface with Automatic Profile Generation

Group No.: Examiner:

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AFFIDAVIT OF ERIK OLIVER IN SUPPORT OF TELLME NETWORK'S PETITION UNDER 37 § 1.47

The following affidavit is made based on my information, belief, and knowledge:

Background

- 1. The following statements apply with equal force to each of the above captioned cases since in each of the above cases the same inventor, Zhe Li, is unavailable for the same reasons.
- 2. I am currently Intellectual Property Counsel for Tellme Networks, Inc. ("Tellme").
- 3. Prior to working at Tellme, I was patent counsel for Tellme in my capacity as an Associate of Wilson Sonsini Goorich & Rosati, P.C.
- 4. I have personal, firsthand knowledge of the efforts taken by Tellme to reach the unavailable inventor Zhe Li as they have occurred under my direction in both my capacity as outside patent counsel and in house patent counsel.

Facts about Mr. Li

- 5. Zhe Li is a Chinese national.
- 6. Zhe Li went by Anglicized name "Jay Li" and was first introduced to me as such.
- 7. Zhe Li left Tellme's employment on or about 17 December 1999 and sent an office wide electronic mail message indicating the same. (See Exhibit 1).
- 8. Zhe Li left Tellme on amicable terms of his own will to pursue, in his words, his "entrepreneurial interests" in China. (See Exhibit 1)
- 9. Zhe Li provided a future contact information comprising an electronic mail address of "zhe_li@firstwater.com" ("Firstwater e-mail address"). (See Exhibit 1)
- 10. Additionally, a telephone number in the San Francisco Bay Area was provided, 650-756-9265.
- 11. Separately, through discussions with other employees at Tellme, a second electronic mail address for Zhe Li of "jay_zhe_li@yahoo.com" was located. ("Yahoo e-mail address")
- 12. Tellme has the following postal address for Mr. Li in our employment files:

75 Poncetta Drive, #2

Daly City, CA 94015

Tellme's Diligent Efforts to Contact Mr. Li

- 13. On or about 14 April 2000, it was brought to my attention that Zhe Li no longer worked for Tellme.
- 14. On or about 20 April 2000, I was notified that Zhe Li had been sent electronic mail requesting his cooperation at his Yahoo e-mail address.
- 15. As of 31 May 2000, no reply was received to the above request.

- 16. On 31 May 2000, I personally sent Zhe Li a follow up electronic mail request for his assistance to both his Firstwater and Yahoo e-mail addresses. (Exhibit 2)
- 17. As of 9 June 2000, no reply was received to the above request.
- 18. Despite knowing that Zhe Li could not be at the postal address in our file (since he indicated he was moving back to China), I personally sent a letter to that address by both Federal Express and certified mail (return receipt requested). (Exhibits 3-5)
- 19. On 6 June 2000, the Federal Express letter was returned as undeliverable.
- 20. On 9 June 2000, the certified return receipt requested letter was returned as undeliverable.
- 21. On 31 May 2000, I placed a call to the last telephone number he provided us (See 10, above). No parties could be reached at that number (number did not ring, phone company error message played back indicating to check the number and dial again).
- 22. On information and belief, Zhe Li's "green card' has expired and he is no longer entitled to be in the United States.
- 23. On information and belief, Zhe Li is no longer in the United States and will not be returning to the United States in the foreseeable future.
- 24. On information and belief, no address for Zhe Li in China is known to Tellme.
- 25. On information and belief, Zhe Li has been unable to receive Tellme's attempts at communication at the electronic mail address(es) Mr. Li provided to us.
- 26. On information and belief, if Zhe Li was able to respond to our communications he would do so and would cooperate in completion of the formalities. (See Exhibit 1)

Exhibits

- 27. On information and belief, Exhibit 1 is an accurate print out of an electronic mail message sent by Zhe Li on or about 17 December 1999 to all Tellme employees.
- 28. Exhibit 2 is an accurate print out of an electronic mail message sent by the undersigned to the last known electronic mail addresses in Tellme's possession for Zhe Li.
- 29. Exhibit 3 is a photocopy of a letter sent to Zhe Li by the undersigned on 31 May 2000 both by Federal Express and certified mail (return receipt requested).
- 30. Exhibit 4 is a photocopy of the Federal Express airbill for the letter of Exhibit 3.
- 31. Exhibit 5 is a photocopy of the certified mail receipt for the letter of Exhibit 3.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or

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imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Erik Oliver (Registration No. 46,296)

Intellectual Property Counsel

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Erik Oliver

From: Sent:

Jay (Zhe) Li [zhe_li@tellme.com] Friday, December 17, 1999 6:10 PM

To: Subject: office@tellme.com farewell from Jay Li

Dear All,



Today will be my last day at Tellme. I will be moving back to China in order to stay closer to my family, and pursue my entrepreneurial interests in the Internet market there. It was a very difficult decision on my part - not only a significant portion of my adult life has been spent in the States, but also the fact that Tellme is well poised to ascend to stellar success in the future made it a taxing tradeoff for me. However, I eventually came to the realization that my best competitive advantages and opportunities lie in my home country, where the competition is less fierce, and opportunities still abound for me to build something great. Besides, I need to better take care of my loving and aging parents whom I haven't seen for more than eight years.

I appreciate Tellme's gracious efforts trying to accomodate my personal objectives. And I dearly treasure the experience and the relationships I had with the Tellme folks, and wish everyone the best being part of the amazing "Tellme phenomenon". Hopefully these would continue to grow over time. I have attached my personal contact information below for future correspondence.

Best of luck to you all! It's been a wonderful ride for me, and hopefully an even more rewarding experience for all of you!

Jay Li 650-756-9265 (phone) zhe li@firstwater.com

Erik Oliver

From:

Erik Oliver [elo@tellme.com]

Sent:

Wednesday, May 31, 2000 7:39 AM

To:

zhe_li@firstwater.com; jay_zhe_li@yahoo.com

Cc:

elo@tellme.com

Subject:

Tellme - patent paperwork

Jay:

We need to reach you to have you sign some papers (facsimile is ok, or we can have the couriered to you in China) for patent purposes. This will complete the formalities associated with the cases we filed relating to your time at Tellme.

Please contact me as soon as possible to arrange for signature of the papers.

Regards, Erik Oliver

(PS: I decided to join Tellme.)

Erik Oliver Intellectual Property Counsel Tellme Networks, Inc. 1310 Villa Street Mountain View CA 94041 +1 (650) 930-9140 Main +1 (650) 930-9000 Fax +1 (650) 931-9101 Email <elo@tellme.com> Tellme.



May 31, 2000

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS AND POSTAL MAIL

Jay Li 75 Poncetta Drive, #2 Daly City, CA 94015

Dear Jay:

We are in need of your cooperation in completing some formalities associated with the patent applications we filed relating to your work at Tellme Networks.

Our previous efforts to contact you at the electronic mail addresses you provided us when you departed Tellme have been unsuccessful.

Please contact me so that we can provide you the appropriate paperwork. If you are unwilling to complete the paperwork, please contact me as well and so indicate. My direct line is +1 (650) 930-9140 and I can be reached by electronic mail at <elo@tellme.com>.

Sincerely,

Erik Oliver

Intellectual Property Counsel



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